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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Davis – California Gun Deaths Declines between 2000 and 2015**

(U) Gun deaths have fallen in California over a 16-year period ending in 2015, driven largely by a decline in gang violence and falling homicide rates among black and Hispanic male victims, a recent study of firearm violence has found. Researchers at the University of California, Davis published their findings in the May issue of the journal *Annals of Epidemiology* after reviewing 50,921 firearm deaths recorded in California between 2000 and 2015. The University provided the study results on Monday. The report found 24,922 firearm homicides during that period and 23,682 suicides by gun. Researchers say the number of firearm homicides dropped from 4.19 per 100,000 people in 2000 to a low of 3.13 per 100,000 in 2014 before ticking up slightly in 2015.

SOURCE: 25 April 2018, [Mercury News](#)

(U) Lone – Drug Overdoes Kills One Inmate and Sickens 11 at Mule Creek State Prison

(U) One inmate at Mule Creek State Prison has died and 11 others were treated over the weekend for what authorities say are suspected drug overdoses at the facility in Lone. Ten inmates were taken to hospitals because of the incident, and eight have since returned to the prison about 45 miles southeast of Sacramento. Officials did not reveal what drug caused the suspected overdoses or the area of the prison where it occurred, but said hazardous materials workers had sealed off cells in affected areas and were cleaning them.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Pomona – Authorities Locate Large-Scale Indoor Marijuana Grow Containing 2,900 Plants

(U) On Monday, 23 April Pomona Police Department Patrol Officers were dispatched to a report of trespassers in a vacant building. Upon entering the building, officers located and arrested the 4 trespassers and discovered a 23 room Marijuana grow filled with more than 2,900 Marijuana plants in various stages of growth. The grow operation used advanced systems of lighting, air conditioning, fans, exhaust blowers and air-filtering systems to control the climate inside the buildings and the odor of Marijuana. With the assistance of the Pomona Police Department's Special Investigations Unit and Homeless Encampment Action Response Team (HEART), the Marijuana plants were removed from the building and booked into evidence.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [Nixle](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Texas – Border Patrol Detains 59 People Found Inside Tractor-Trailer**

(U) Laredo – Border patrol agents at a checkpoint in Laredo, Texas on Friday discovered 59 illegal immigrants packed in the back of a tractor-trailer trying to enter the United States, officials announced Tuesday. The immigrants were from Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Honduras and Peru. The driver and a passenger, both US citizens, were arrested, however, charges against them were not formally announced. Laredo is one of the largest trade and transportation ports along the US-Mexico border where hundreds, if not thousands, of tractor-trailers move goods between the two countries. Truck

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drivers, usually US citizens, are paid a fee per person they smuggle across the border in their trailers.
SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [FOX News](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Florida – Coast Guard Seizes 12 Tons of Cocaine, One Ton of Marijuana**

(U) Fort Lauderdale – Crews from the Coast Guard will unload 12 tons of cocaine and 1 ton of marijuana today at Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. The drugs, worth an estimated \$390 million, were seized during drug smuggling interdictions off the coasts of Mexico, Central and South America. Multiple US coast Guard cutters and Canadian Naval vessels, along with numerous other law enforcement agencies worked together to combat transnational organized crime.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [Palm Beach Post](#)

(U) Texas – Suspect Arrested in the Shooting of Two Police Officers

(U) Dallas – A suspect was arrested on Tuesday after two Dallas police officers were shot and critically wounded at a Home Depot Inc store and a civilian was also shot in the incident, police said. Armando Juarez, 29 was arrested and being held on multiple counts of aggravated assault on a police officer. Juarez, who was also wanted on a felony theft warrant, was taken into custody after a five-hour man hunt that included a high speed vehicle chase, police said on Twitter. A woman was also taken into custody, but she was not identified.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Afghan Media Safety in the Spotlight As Gunmen Kill Journalist**

(U) Kandahar – Gunmen killed an Afghan journalist on his way to work in the southern city of Kandahar on Tuesday, officials said, an attack that highlights the risks faced by media workers in Afghanistan. Abdul Manan Arghand, who worked for Kabul News TV, was shot by gunmen armed with AK-47s as he was driving his car. The attack came the same day as a meeting in Kabul to discuss how to safeguard journalists. The UN mission in Afghanistan issued a statement condemning the killing. Last year was the bloodiest for journalists in Afghanistan, according to the Afghan Journalists' Safety Committee, with at least 20 killed and 169 cases of violence or threats.

SOURCE: 25 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Canada – G7 Tells Tech Firms to Boost Efforts to Combat Extremism

(U) Toronto – The Group of Seven leading industrialized nations on Tuesday told leading tech and social media companies to ramp up efforts to combat the spread of extremism. G7 security ministers raised their concerns during a Toronto meeting with Facebook, Twitter Inc, Alphabet Inc's Google and Microsoft Corp. The four companies are part of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT), set up last year under pressure from governments in Europe and the United States after a spate of deadly attacks. Security officials say a spate of so-called lone wolf attacks around the world is in part caused by people becoming radicalized by what they see online.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Lebanon – ISIS Commander Detained in Lebanon after Crossing from Syria

(U) Zgharta – Lebanon's police say they have detained a Syrian citizen who was a military commander with ISIS in the central Syrian province of Homs. The Internal Security Forces said in a statement Tuesday that the man was detained earlier this month in the northern town of Zgharta after entering Lebanon illegally from Syria. It identified him as a Syrian citizen born in 1982 without giving his name. The

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statement said the ISIS fighter confessed to being "a military cadre" who took part in many battles in Syria including the capture of the historic town of Palmyra that the extremists held for months and destroyed some of its invaluable archaeological sites.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Nigeria – At Least 21 Killed in Boko Haram Attacks

(U) Gamboru – Suspected Boko Haram militants killed 21 people in separate attacks in a remote northeastern region of Nigeria, security officials and a witness told AFP on Monday. The jihadists shot dead 18 forest workers who had been collecting firewood in Borno state, close to the town of Gamboru, on the border with Cameroon on Sunday, according to a member of a local anti-militant militia in the area. Also on Sunday, a vehicle carrying civilians travelling in a nearby army convoy hit a mine planted by the insurgents, killing three people near the village of Wumbi, a militia member said.

SOURCE: 24 April 2018, [News 24](#)

(U) Spain – Police Make Record Cocaine Bust in Algeciras Port

(U) Algeciras – Spanish police have made a record cocaine seizure, finding nearly 9 tons of the drug hidden among boxes of bananas in a shipping container at the southern port of Algeciras, the customs office said on Wednesday. The container was imported by a Colombian company on a ship coming from the Colombian port of Turbo, a customs statement said. The stash was the largest ever found in a single shipping container in Europe, it said. Six people had been arrested in relation to the find. Two were detained in Lyon, France, one in Algeciras and three in Malaga.

SOURCE: 25 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

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